

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~Inspection~~ An inspection apparatus (100) comprising, ~~in a secure casing:~~

[[ - ]] a central processing unit (1) [[ , ]] i

[[ -at ]] at least one digital audiovisual device (2) [[ , ]] configured to make an audiovisual recording;

[[ - ]] a clock (3) [[ , ]] configured to provide temporal information; and

[[ - ]] a watermark (4) ~~capable of embedding~~ configured to embed the temporal information provided by said clock (3) in the data stream coming from said audiovisual device (2) such that a moment at which the audiovisual recording is made by said digital audiovisual device is authenticated; and

a compact and secure casing, positionable at a required height and inclination, containing therein said central processing unit (1), said digital audiovisual device (2), said clock (3), and said watermark (4).

2. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said  
audiovisual device (2) is a camera.

3. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said  
audiovisual device (2) is a video camera.

4. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said  
audiovisual device (2) is a sound recorder.

5. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further~~  
~~comprises~~ further comprising:

a device (5) for measuring the geographic position  
of the apparatus as geographic information, ~~and in that~~

wherein said watermark (4) is ~~capable of embedding~~  
configured to embed the geographic information provided by  
said geographic position measuring device (5) in ~~the~~ a data  
stream coming from the audiovisual device (2).

6. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said

geographic position measuring device (5) is a receiver forming part of the GPS system.

7. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising:

a distance measuring device.

8. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising:

a thermal probe.

9. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising:

an inclinometer.

10. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising:

an electronic compass.

11. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus  
according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further~~  
~~comprises~~ further comprising:

at least one connector (10) ~~enabling~~ configured to  
attach to an external source of secure data ~~to be attached.~~

12. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

an electric accumulator.

13. (new) A method of preparing an inspection report  
comprising:

producing a data stream with at least one digital  
audiovisual device comprised in a secure casing;

embedding a temporal information provided by a clock  
comprised in the secure casing in said data stream; and

extracting the data stream out of the casing using a  
secure method so that the moment at which an audiovisual  
recording was made is authenticated.

14. (new) A method of enabling a certified  
inspection to be made at a desired location of a territory,  
said method comprising:

distributing inspection apparatuses over the  
territory, said inspection apparatuses comprising an

audiovisual device and means for authenticating the moment when an audiovisual recording was made;

providing a first person with such an inspection apparatus, said first person triggering the audiovisual device at the desired location; and

transmitting the data recorded by the apparatus to a second person commissioning for the inspection via a secure channel.

15. (new) The method according to claim 14, wherein the inspection apparatuses further comprise means for authenticating the location where an audiovisual recording was made.

16. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing further comprises a connector (9) for positioning the casing at the required height and inclination and configured to be attached to a stand.

17. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing is rigid and robust.

18. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing is configured to be tamper proof such that

a substantial quantity of the components contained therein are destroyed upon an improper opening of said casing.